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MESSAGE TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC

RESTRICTED DATA

1. The Army, Air Force and Navy have not, as a team, demonstrated, by actual coordinated simulated atomic strikes, their capability to employ atomic weapons tactically in support of ground forces.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have accordingly determined that simulated atomic strikes should be staged in Korea in order to demonstrate conclusively under combat conditions that we have the capability of employing atomic weapons tactically in support of ground forces, with sufficient speed and accuracy to insure effectiveness on the targets, should such action later become necessary. Actual atomic weapons (less nuclear components) should be used for all phases of these operations,

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except actual flights over enemy territory to insure that all procedures, such as assembly, testing, and loading of actual weapons, are thoroughly tested in the field. The actual drops on the enemy will be with conventional munitions.

3. CINCPAC has been directed to stage these practice exercises and it is desired that you coordinate with and assist him in their planning and execution.

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